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SUBJECT: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 91663, (B) WARSAW 2733

1. SUMMARY: WE ARE GLAD TO LEARN OF THE PLANS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH POLAND ON NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY (MFT) SUGGESTS THE TALKS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THERE FOR MAY 17-18 OR 19. END SUMMARY.

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2. AN EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON STREBSKI OF MFT AS INSTRUCTED IN REF A. STREBSKI SAID VICE MINISTER OF LIGHT INDUSTRY WIESLAW SZYMCHYK, WHO WILL HEAD THE POLISH TEXTILE DELEGATION FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON, SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS ON FOOTWEAR. HE SAID THE, IF THE TEXTILE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON MAY 17-18 (AS SUGGESTED REF B), THE SUBJECT OF POLISH

FOOTWEAR EXPORTS COULD BE TAKEN UP ON MAY 19 OR 20.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLISH FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION
SKORIMPEX AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE
(PROBABLY STREBSKI) WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON
DISCUSSIONS.

3. STREBSKI EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POLES ARE
READY TO RECEIVE A U.S. FOOTWEAR TEAM AT OTHER DATES IF
NECESSARY. (COMMENT: THE ONLY GOOD ALTERNATIVE TO
THE WASHINGTON DATES, HOWEVER, WOULD BE MAY 26-27.
HOTEL SPACE IS EXTREMELY SCARCE MAY 5 - 15 DUE TO CEMA
MEETINGS, AND WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE TALKS NOT TAKE
PLACE DURING THE MAY 22-25 SESSION OF THE U.S.- POLISH
ECONOMIC COUNCIL. IF THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA MAKE DISCUSSIONS POSSIBLE
HERE DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 9, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE
SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS AT THE LAST MINUTE.
MAY 9 IS A POLISH GIVERNMENT HOLIDAY. END COMMENT)

4. WE WILL TRANSMIT SEPARATELY DATA PROVIDED BY
MFT ON THE POLISH FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF BACK-
TO-BACK DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.
DAVIES

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